SFX BREATHING

MOUNTAIN OF CORPSES

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CHAPTER 13: WAITING IN OPPOSITE WORLDS

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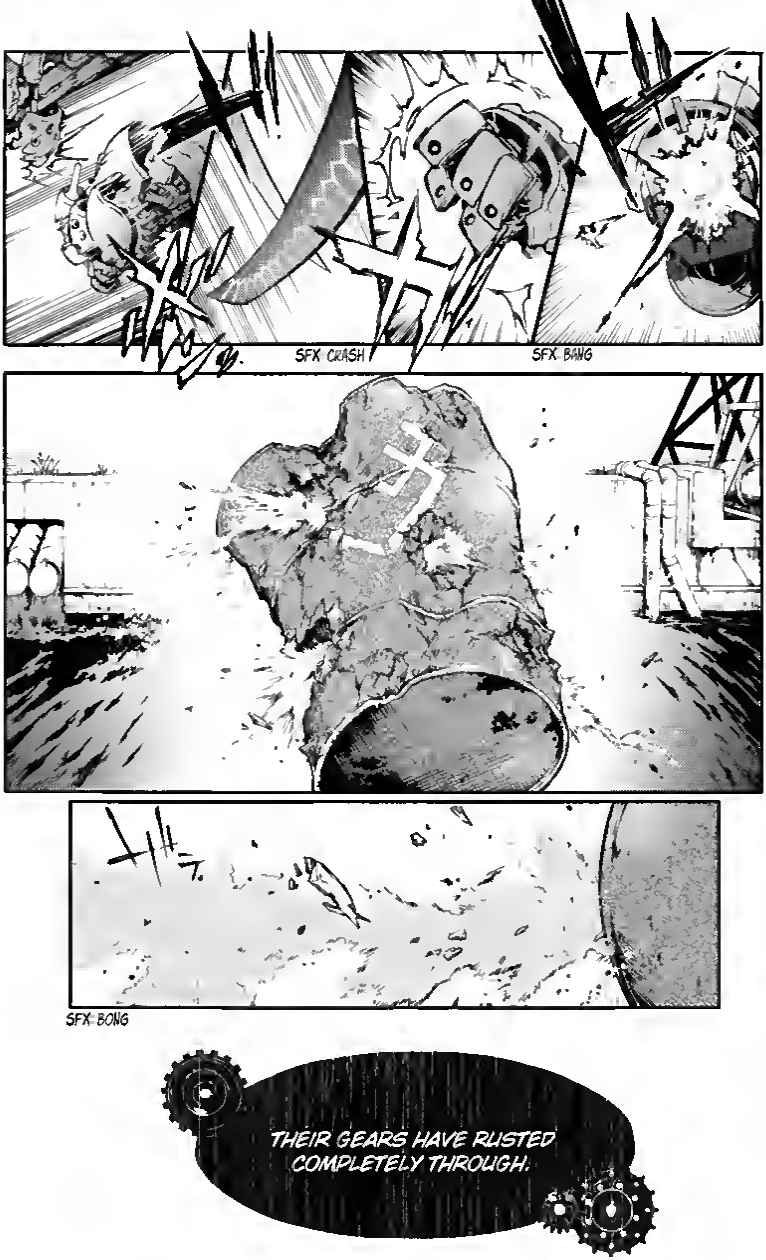
HEADLINE: AMENOTORI FACILITY DESTROYED IN AN ACCIDENT - SUBHEADING: THE MYSTERY DEEPENS


SFX: CRASH
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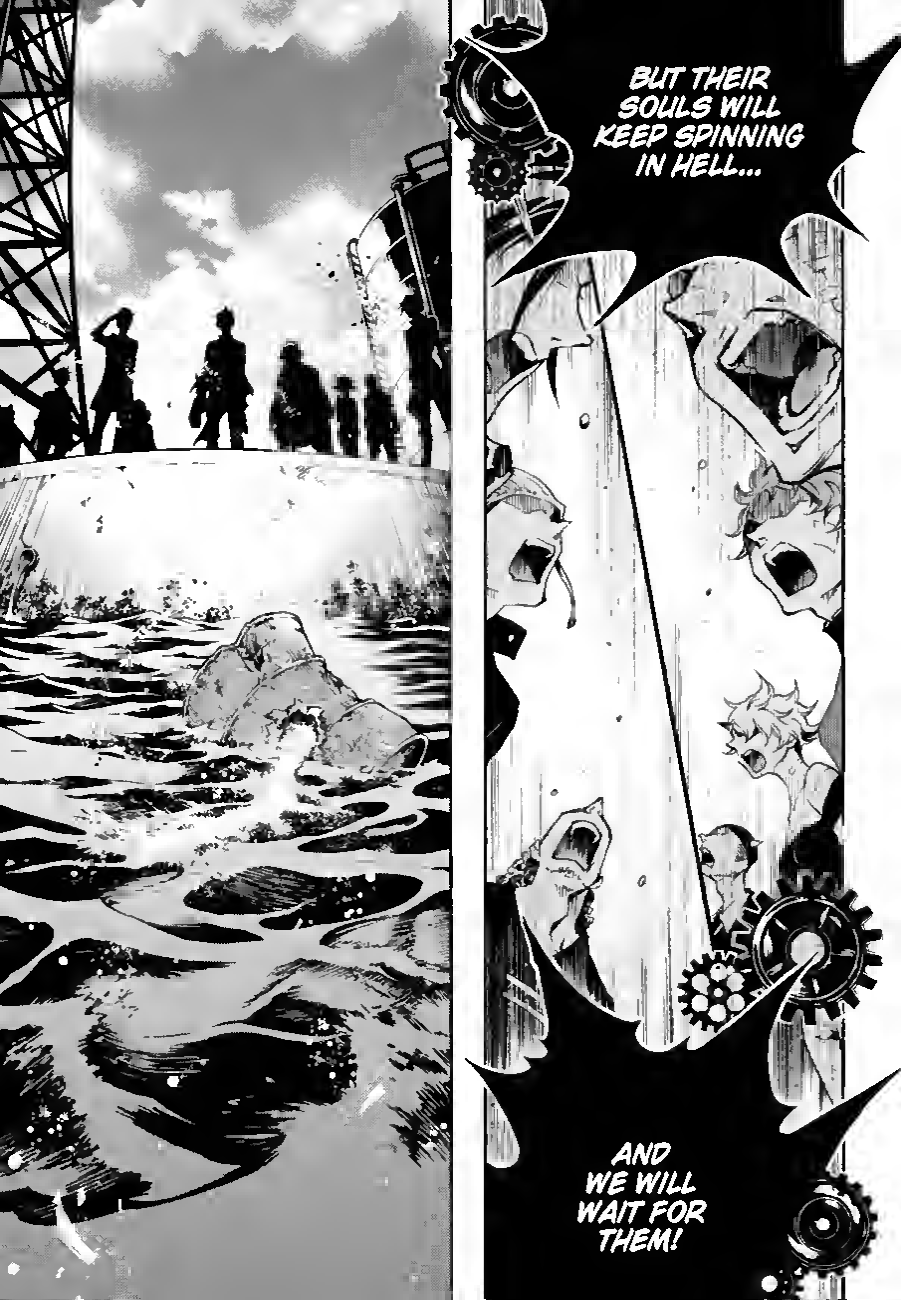
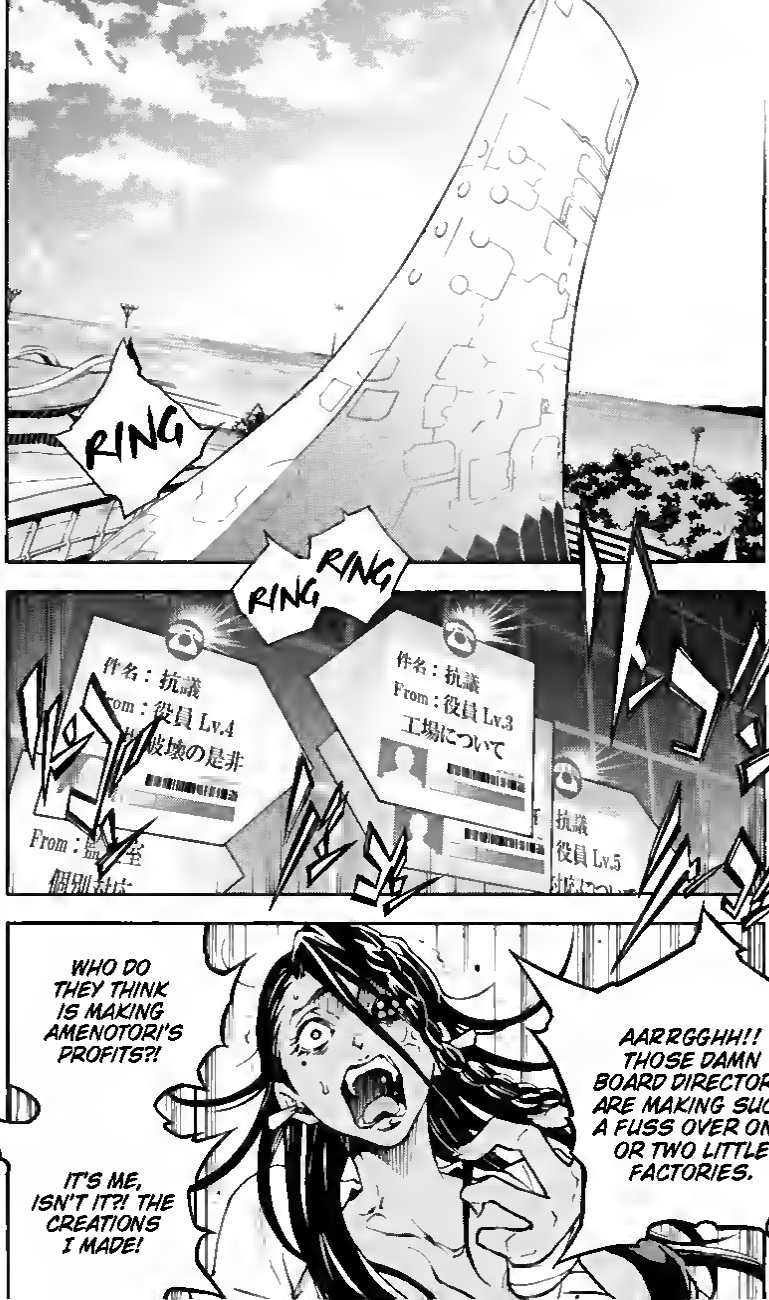
THEIR GEARS HAVE RUSTED COMPLETELY THROUGH.


BUT THEIR SOULS WILL KEEP SPINNING IN HELL...
AND WE WILL WAIT FOR THEM!

WE FOUGHT AGAINST STRONG SPIDERS.
INCLUDING THE BOSS, OLD GUY SHIBA..
THERE WERE 18 INJURED, 11 DEAD...
AND ALSO ONE MISSING
IN AN INSTANT... WE WERE ATTACKED AND WHEN WE REALIZED IT..
THE BODIES AND EVEN THE BLOOD HAD VANISHED..
I'M SURE THAT THEY PLANNED THAT IN ADVANCE... IT'S DESPAIRING...
MIDARI-NEE WAS TAKEN BY THE SICKAGGRA.

ME?
TOO MUCH THINKING, NOW I'M HUNGRY
BUT THAT SICKAGGRA VANISHED INTO THIN AIR
GOGGLE-MASK IS WHINING THAT HE CAN'T FIND THEIR LOCATION AT ALL.
SOME ARE ANGRY, SOME ARE CRYING, SOME ARE FIRED UP.
SOME RAN AWAY OR QUIT BECAUSE THEY WERE AFRAID.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件名：抗議
From：役員 Lv.4
From：役員 Lv.3
工場について
From：役員 Lv.5
WHO DO THEY THINK IS MAKING AMENOTORI'S PROFITS?!
IT'S ME, ISN'T IT?! THE CREATIONS I MADE!
AARRGGHH!! THOSE DAMN BOARD DIRECTORS ARE MAKING SUCH A FUSS OVER ONE OR TWO LITTLE FACTORIES.

"HONORABLE DIRECTORS, I AGREE THAT THE FACTORY ACCIDENT WAS REGRETTABLE."
"HOWEVER, THE QUALITY OF OUR COMPANY'S PRODUCT IS STILL BEING MAINTAINED."
"WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SUFFICIENTLY COMPENSATE" NOW.
THE NEXT TIME I'M AT A MEETING—!!
"I SHALL EXPLAIN IN PERSON AT A FUTURE MEETING."

I'LL HAVE THE SICKAGGRA GO AROUND KILLING EVEN MORE OF THE BLACK DEMON BASTARDS!!
"THIS WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE FINISHED PROTOTYPES TRIAL RUNS WITH THE DEVELOPMENTAL RISKS."
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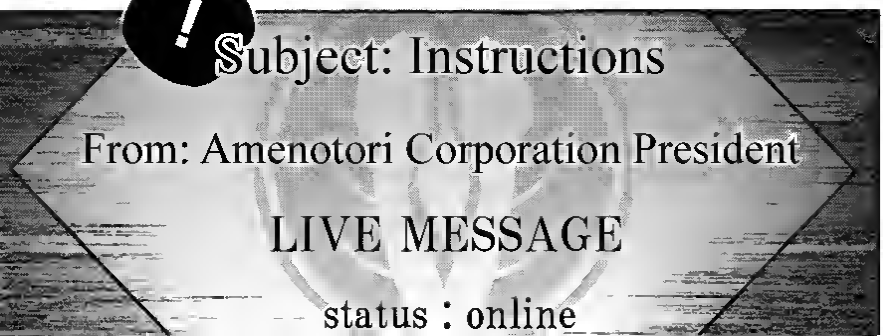
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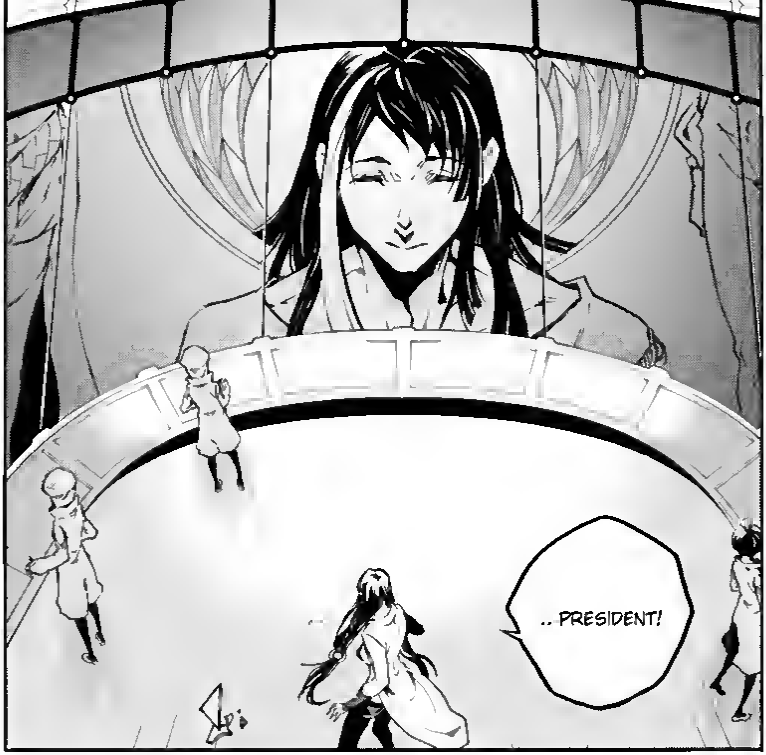
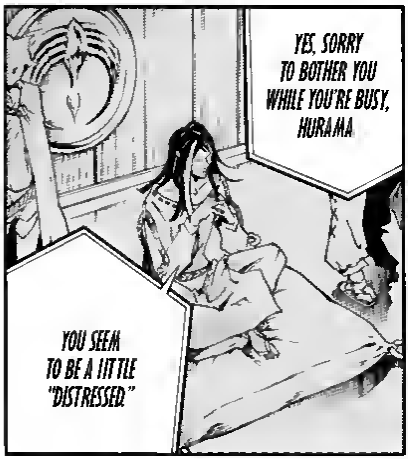
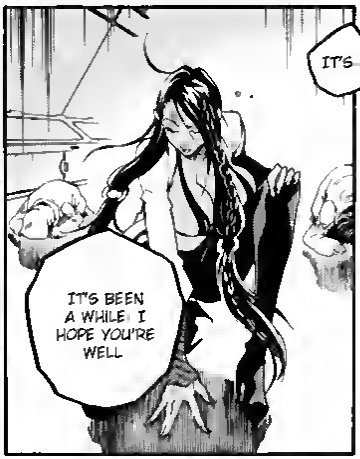

.. PRESIDENT!

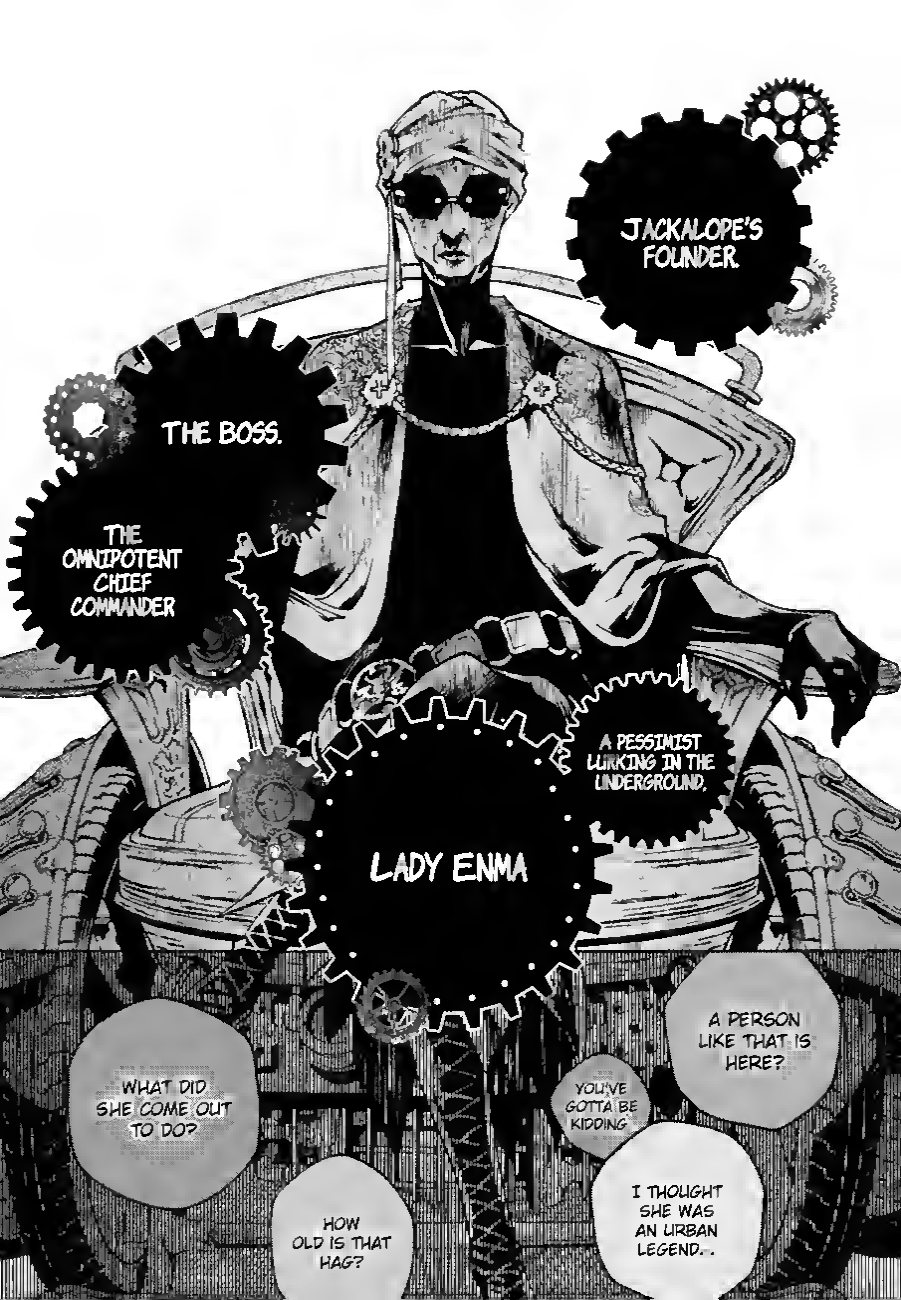

YES, SORRY TO BOTHER YOU WHILE YOU'RE BUSY, HURAMA
YOU SEEM TO BE A LITTLE "DISTRESSED"


IT'S
IT'S BEEN A WHILE. I HOPE YOU'RE WELL

IT'S GOOD THE OCTADS ARE NEARING COMPLETION.
BUT...
BEEP!
BEEP!
BEEP!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
THE USUAL SPIDER ALERT AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
THIS IS THE FOURTH ONE!
NOTHING MUCH
!

...!
LADY ENMA...
REALLY?

JACKALOPE'S BOSS.

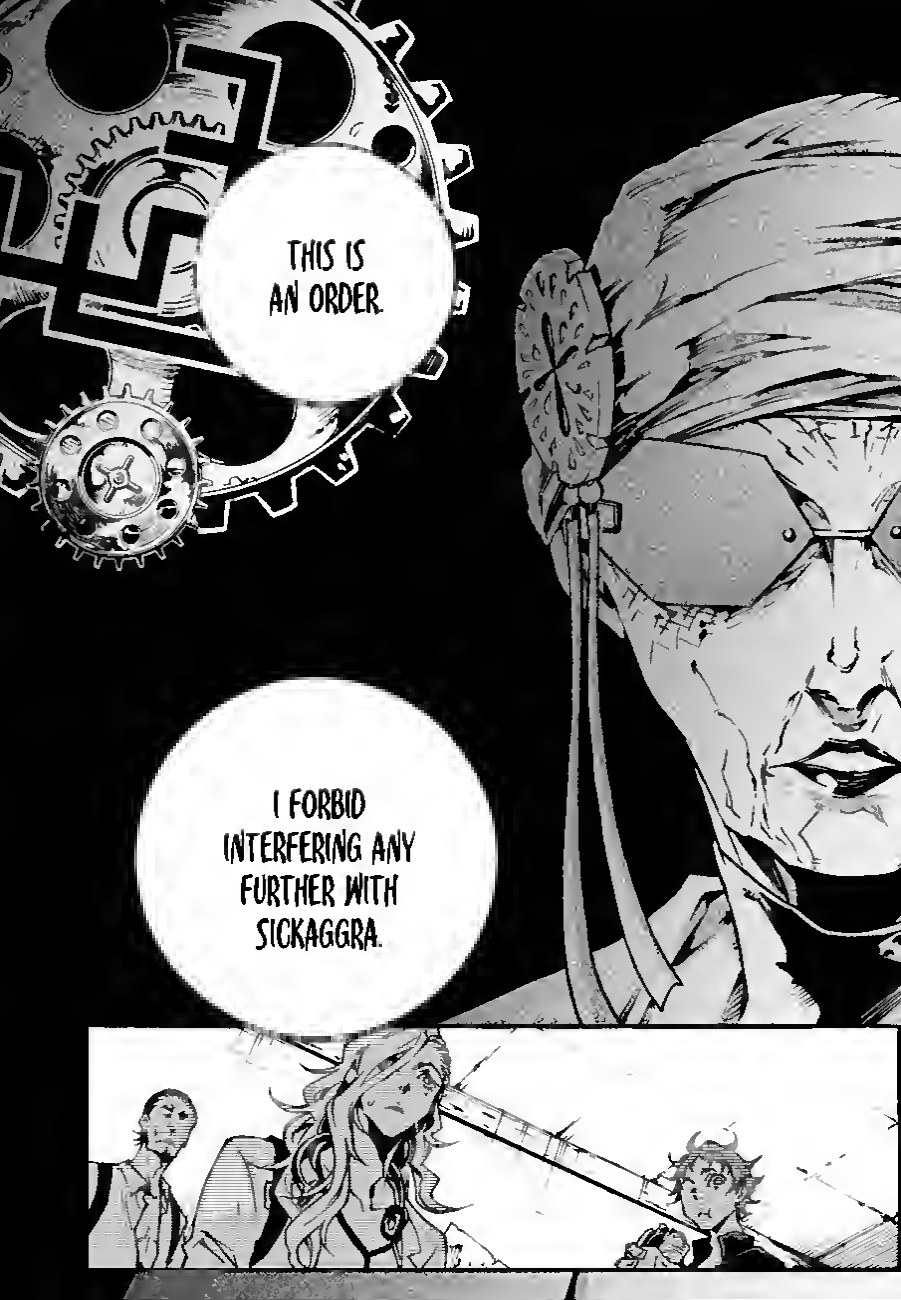

JACKALOPE'S FOUNDER.
THE BOSS.
THE OMNIPOTENT CHIEF COMMANDER
A PESSIMIST LURKING IN THE UNDERGROUND.
LADY ENMA
A PERSON LIKE THAT IS HERE?
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING
WHAT DID SHE COME OUT TO DO?
I THOUGHT SHE WAS AN URBAN LEGEND..
HOW OLD IS THAT HAG?

THERE ARE MANY NEW FACES
……
?
AS I WAS UNDER-GROUND FOR 10 YEARS
THIS RECENT INCIDENT WAS VERY UNFORTUNATE
JACKALOPE EXISTS TO ELIMINATE SPIDERS, WHICH HARM PEOPLE, WHENEVER NECESSARY
THIS IS TRULY AN IMPORTANT MATTER
THEY ARE NEVER TO BE MADE THE PURPOSE!
PERSONAL EMOTIONS MAY BE A SOURCE OF POWER, BUT

AMENOTORI'S POSITION AS A WORLD WIDE CORPORATION IS ALSO AN ISSUE.
STATE YOUR PUR—

THIS IS AN ISSUE CONCERNING THE ENTIRETY OF JACKALOPE.
WHICH MEANS

I FORBID INTERFERING ANY FURTHER WITH JACKALOPE.
AND COMMAND YOU ALL TO RETURN TO YOUR REGULAR DUTIES.


THIS IS AN ORDER.
I FORBID INTERFERING ANY FURTHER WITH SICKAGGRA.

THAT DOES
SEEM CORRECT, THEORETICALLY
YEAH,
THE DAMAGE WAS TOO GREAT
WE'D END UP EXHAUSTING OURSELVES IF WE KEPT FIGHTING IN THESE CONDITIONS
...!?
YOU'RE...
SAYING TO FORGET ABOUT AVENGING EVERYONE...
AND RESCUING MIDARI?!
.....

HMM...
DID WE WIPE THEM ALL OUT WITH FURRY'S PLAN?
NO,
THIS OLD TIMER WHO WOULDN'T DIE USED A FLASHY RESCUE ATTACK AND...
IT LOOKS LIKE SURPRISINGLY FEW DIED.
.....
REALLY...?
HOTEL Sweet TIME
OUR JOB IS CANCELLED?
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YEAH. CHIEF ENGINEER KURAMA'S ORDERS, YOU SEE
WELL, WE MANAGED TO DEAL THE BLACK DEMONS A MAJOR BLOW, RIGHT? LET'S LEAVE IT AT THAT.

IF WE DON'T HAVE TO MAKE A MOVE AGAINST THE BLACK DEMONS ANYMORE,
ARE WE GONNA GIVE THAT WOMAN BACK?
WHAT?! AS IF I'D GIVE HER BACK.

LISTEN! I'VE WANTED THIS FOR A LONG,
LONG TIME.
BIG SIS MII HAS TO STAY!
THAT'S WHY I HAD THAT SADISTIC WOMAN...
ALTER THE INFORMATION TO GET JOBS DEALING WITH THE BLACK DEMONS, YOU KNOW.
RIGHT?!
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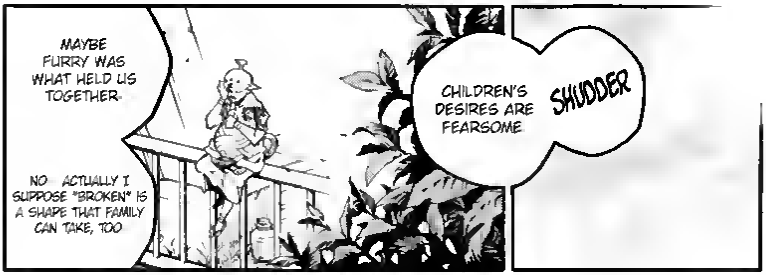

MAYBE FURRY WAS WHAT HELD US TOGETHER.
NO ACTUALLY I SUPPOSE "BROKEN" IS A SHAPE THAT FAMILY CAN TAKE, TOO
CHILDREN'S DESIRES ARE FEARSOME
SHUDDER

"FAM
ILY"...
YOUR ABILITY TO CRY WASN'T DESTROYED BY THE EXPERIMENT OR YOUR PAST
LUCKY YOU.
YOU MUST'VE HAD ANOTHER FAMILY THAT WAS GOOD, HUH?

BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
JACKALOPE MEMBERS ON THEIR REGULAR SHIFT PLEASE PROCEED TO THE LOCATION
SPIDER DETECTED IN WARD 64.
SOMEHOW I EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME IN FOREVER.
THE BOSS GRANNY'S "ORDER" SEEMS TO HAVE BROUGHT JACKALOPE BACK TO NORMAL OPERATIONS.
IT FEELS LIKE EVERYONE IS DOING THIS AND THAT AS THE PRINCIPAL OR SCHOOL RULES SAY.
EVEN IF I GRUMBLED AND COMPLAINED,
EVEN IF I DON'T COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND THE MEANING,

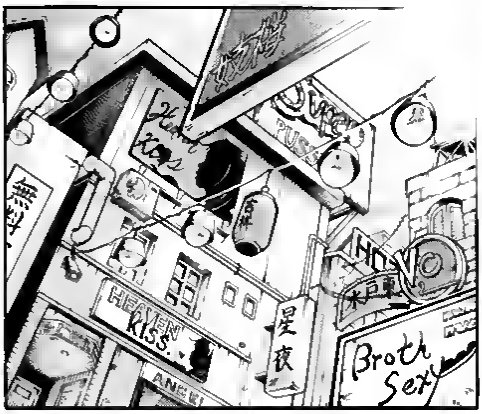
HUH?! I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE ORDERS OF THE ELDERS.
THEY ARE INCORRECT.
KOTOHARU
YOU WERE ON DUTY TODAY THEN?
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO, PUNK?
HUH?!
FROM THE START I HAD NO IDEA ABOUT THE FLAVOR OF FOOD,
BUT RECENTLY IT'S BEEN STRANGE, YOU KNOW
ME?

DON'T KNOW WHY BUT MY THROAT FEELS TIGHT AND FOOD DOESN'T GO DOWN WELL.
EVERYTHING'S "GROSS" LIKE THE OLD GUY'S STEW.

NO, MY MIND IS ALSO RUNNING IN CIRCLES
IT'S NOT A PROBLEM WITH THE FOOD
ARE YOU STUPID? THAT'S...
IT'S REALLY BOTHERING ME

SOMEHOW I GET THE FEELING THAT IT WOULD GET BETTER IF WE GOT REVENGE FOR THE OLD GUY.
WHAT DO YOU THINK, KOTOHARU?

CORRECT!


HEAVEN
Kiss
Broth
Sex

...OK, WHERE ARE WE GOING?
WE'RE GOING TO SEARCH USING WHAT CLUES WE HAVE, OF COURSE!
UGH... ARE YOU STUPID, TOO?

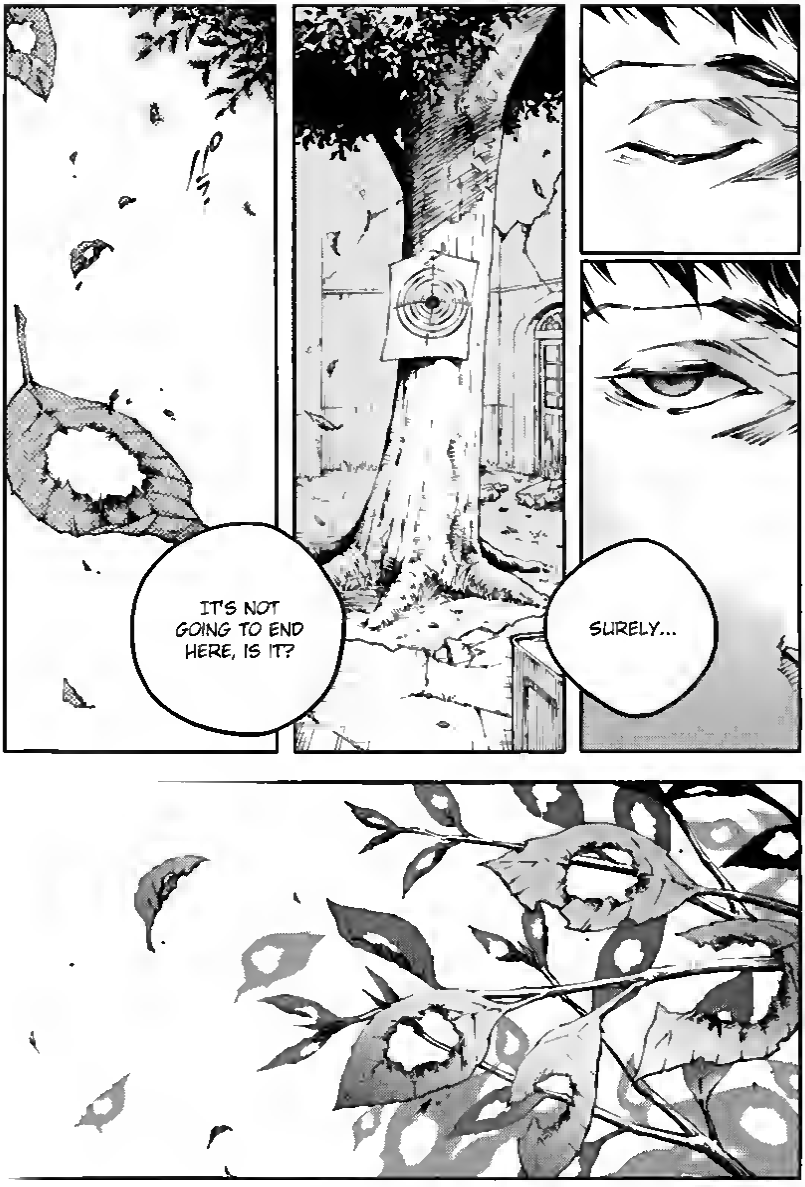
SFX KNOCK
SFX SHUT
HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN, #67?!
OH MY!
MASTER, IT'S BEEN SO LONG~
HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR PERFUME?
SHALL I BUY YOU MORE AGAIN?

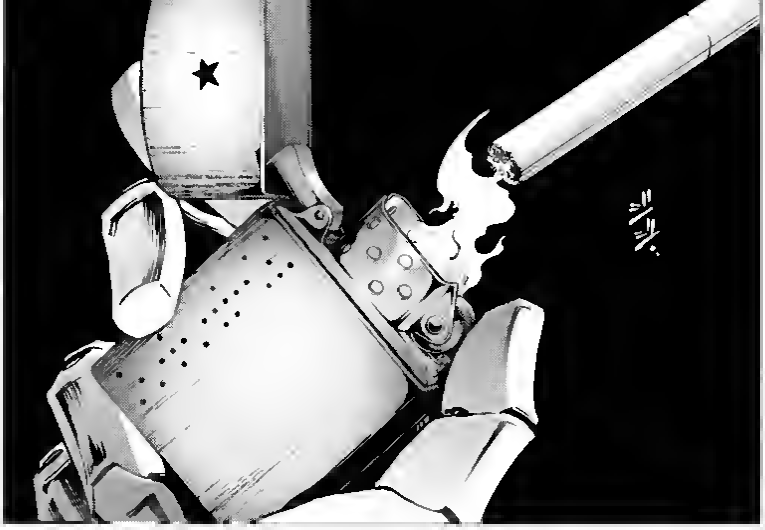
I WAS SO SURE YOU WERE DEAD.
I SHOULD HAVE SEARCHED FOR YOU WITH MY INTELLIGENCE NETWORK.
I'M THE ONE WHO'S GLAD.
REALLY? I'M GLAD.

HOW MANY KINDS OF MEDICINE SHALL I USE?
HOW MANY MORE HOLES SHOULD I MAKE IN YOU WITH MY KNIFE?
WHERE SHALL WE CUT TODAY?

SIR, DID SOME-THING GOOD HAPPEN?
?
THAT HIS CORPSE WASN'T FOUND
DO YOU KNOW?
I HEARD FROM AMENOTORI'S CORPSE COLLECTOR GOONS...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND BUT IT'S GOOD THAT YOU'RE HAPPY
YOU TALK TOO FAST.
WANT ONE?
MY WISH CAN BE FULFILLED RIGHT?

NO.
I DON'T HAVE A LIGHTER.


IT'S NOT GOING TO END HERE, IS IT?
SURELY...



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THANK YOU FOR THE GOOD INFORMATION,
ROTTEN MASTER
I HELD NO GRUDGE AGAINST YOU OR ANYTHING, BUT I'M IN A HURRY SO IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME
..I QUITE LIKED THAT PERFUME...
SINCE IT ERASED YOUR RAW STINK

WITH THIS INFORMATION NETWORK I'LL BE SURE TO FIND YOU,
MIDARI.
RESOLVE TASTES OF BLOOD.
CONTINUES IN THE APRIL ISSUE